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Observations made in SZOMBATHELY (P 48/C 78) and KOEREND (P 48/G 76):

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1. SZOMBATHELY

- a. Occupation of SZOMBATHELY by Soviet troops was still the same as during the first week of September 1949.
- b. Twenty-two young soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, carrying rifles, blankets and suitcases, marched from the railroad station to the Cavalry Barracks. The detail obviously was in town for the first time. *
- c. Local residents said that Maj Nikolai TOAPOV was deputy CO of the units which had remained at the military post. Maj Ivan PAZAKOV, billeted at 6 Ferenc Street, was said to be the acting CO of the troops in SZOMBATHELY.

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2. KOEREND

- a. About three hundred troops with black epaulets were quartered in the Batthany Castle. Eighteen to twenty small canvas-covered, armored track-laying vehicles, about fifteen trucks and one passenger car were parked in the castle area.

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b. The "Korona" hotel and the high school building were lightly occupied by Soviet troops.

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Comment:

a. Report indicates that the component units of the 17th Sds Mecz Div, which left for the VARPALOTA-AYMASKER troop training grounds in March 1949, had not yet returned to their military posts in Western Hungary by the end of September 1949. A previous report stated that preparations for the reception of the returning troops were made in late September 1949.

* b. Indication that new recruits arrived in SZOMBATHALY in September 1949.

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